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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PGOV, SA  
SUBJECT: HEALTH STATUS OF KING KHALID

REFERENCE: LONDON 3024

1. SAUDI EMBOFF (FOUZAN) INFORMED US MARCH 9 THAT OPERATION ON KING KHALID MARCH 7 HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. FOZAN FURTHER STATED THAT KING WAS UP AND ABOUT FOR A WHILE MARCH 9, WHICH FCO ALSO UNDERSTANDS TO BE THE CASE. HOWEVER, LOCAL "EXPEDITER" OF SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY TOLD VISA UNIT OF OUR EMBASSY THAT KHALID HAD A SLIGHT HEART ATTACK ON MARCH 8. FCO HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS STORY, AND OFFICERS IN MIDDLE EAST DEPT. POINT OUT THAT BRITISH DOCTORS TREATING KING ARE FORBIDDEN BY PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FROM REPORTING ON HIS MEDICAL CONDITION TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, FCO OFFICERS ARE SPECULATING AS TO WHEN KHALID MIGHT ABDICATE IN VIEW OF HIS DETERIORATING HEALTH.

2. MEANWHILE, STREAM OF SAUDI CABINET OFFICIALS THROUGH LONDON CONTINUES, TYING UP NEARLY ALL OFFICERS IN SAUDI EMBASSY.

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